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## **Corps of Engineers receives highest Army environmental award**

ANCHORAGE – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, won the Secretary of the Army's Environmental Award for Restoration of an Installation for the Manning Point (Jago River) Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) team. The Secretary's Award represents the highest honor in the field of environmental science and sustainability conferred by the Army.

The FUDS project, located in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, removed and disposed of over 1,400 drums, drum contents and associated soil contamination from the Jago River delta. This work eliminated the possibility of future petroleum product releases into the Arctic Ocean. The project team transported equipment and supplies over 800 miles to perform work that lasted three weeks during August of 2010.

The project was jointly executed with another project at Brownlow Point to save the government nearly a half million dollars in mobilization and demobilization costs. Approximately 2,500 man-hours were worked by the project team with zero lost-time incidents or accidents.

This is the second year in a row that the Alaska District received the Army's top environmental award. In 2010, the district received the award for investigating formerly used military sites on Tanaga and Ogluiga Islands in the Aleutian Islands.

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PHOTO:



Workers use global positioning equipment to note the location of a fuel drum in the Jago River Delta, Alaska. (Courtesy photo)

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